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Indiana Department of Labor to Offer Health and Safety Scholarships

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Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner, Miguel R. Rivera, Sr. is proud to announce that the Indiana Department of Labor in partnership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce will offer scholarships to attend the 2007 Health and Safety Conference and Exposition. The Conference and Exposition will be hosted by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Central Indiana Chapter of ASSE in partnership with the Indiana Department of Labor. The event is slated for February 13 and 14, 2007.

INSafe, a Division of the Indiana Department of Labor will offer scholarships to Indiana's small, minority-owned, or women-owned businesses to attend the 2007 Conference and Exposition at no cost. The scholarship will cover either a one or two day conference fee. For additional information concerning the 2007 Conference, please visit the Conference's Website at: <http://www.INSafetyconf.com>.

The Conference and Exposition scholarships are in addition to current scholarships that are offered as a partnership with the Indiana Department of Labor's INSafe Division and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Currently, scholarship opportunities exist to train employers and employees in General Industry and Construction. Courses that are being offered in conjunction with the scholarships include; OSHA General Industry 10 and Forklift Safety.

Commissioner Rivera stated, "The scholarship program is important because it allows companies that would not otherwise be able to afford to attend the conference the chance to experience what is available in their respective industry."

Providing free onsite consultations, educational publications and training materials, along with group training, INSafe works to ensure Hoosier occupational safety and health. Deputy Commissioner—INSafe, Quindaro Cheatham remarked, "The training that is given during the conference is just the beginning of an effective safety and health program."

INSafe's goal is to assist businesses in becoming self sufficient in the implementation of their health and safety programs and to reduce workplace illnesses and injuries," commented Rivera.

Hoosier workplace safety and health is INSafe's bottom line. Cheatham closed, "It is our hope that by using INSafe, employers can foster a safety culture and make their internal safety programs part of their daily activities."

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